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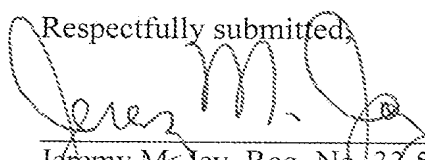
LETTER

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Noncompliant Appeal Brief mailed December 3, 2009, Appellants file the attached amended Appeal Brief.

The Summary of the Claimed Subject Matter section has been amended to recite that an essential feature of the claimed method is that the T-cells undergo only one cycle of rapid expansion, as discussed with Examiner Belyavskiy by telephone on December 17, 2009.

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